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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **PENNSYLVANIA'S CROP PRODUCTION**

**HARRISBURG --** Based on conditions as of October 1, 1999, **Pennsylvania's** production of corn for grain, all hay, soybeans, seedleaf-type and Maryland-type tobacco is expected to be below last year according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. Pennsylvania's production of apples and grapes is expected to be above last year's production. Based on the end-of-season small grains survey in September, production of winter wheat and rye for 1999 is more than 1998, while production of oats and barley is less than 1998.

The year's final estimates for small grains show oat production at 7.98 million bushels, 6 percent below last year's production. Acreage for harvest was 145,000 with a yield of 55 bushels per acre. Barley production was 4.97 million bushels, down 1 percent from 1998. Acreage for harvest was 70,000 and yield was 71 bushels per acre. Winter wheat production was 10.26 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest was 190,000 and yield per acre was 54 bushels. Rye production was 600,000 bushels, up 21 percent from the previous year. Acres harvested was 15,000, and yield for 1999 was 40 bushels per acre.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 78.3 million bushels, 33 percent below last year's crop. Acreage for harvest will total 1,030,000 with an average yield of 76 bushels per acre, compared with 111 bushels per acre last year. All hay production is forecast at 3.47 million tons, 11 percent below a year ago. Pennsylvania farmers expect to harvest 1.88 million acres, with an average yield of 1.84 per acre, compared to the 1998 average yield of 2.12 tons per acre. Soybean production is expected to be 10.1 million bushels, down 36 percent from last year's production of 15.8 million bushels. Harvested area is expected to be 360,000 acres and yield is expected to be 28 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels per acre from 1998. Pennsylvania's seedleaf-type tobacco production is estimated at 5.9 million pounds, 37 percent less than 1998's crop. Acreage for harvest is set at 3,200 acres with an average yield of 1,850 pounds per acre. Pennsylvania's Maryland-type tobacco production is estimated at 5.25 million pounds, 16 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is set at 3,000 acres with an average yield of 1,750 pounds per acre. Apple production is forecast at 490 million pounds, 24 percent above last year's 395 million pounds. Grape output is estimated to be 73,000 tons, 35 percent above last year's production.

At the **United States** level, oat production for the 1999 crop year is estimated at 147.9 million bushels, 11 percent below last year's crop and the smallest crop since records were first kept in 1866. Yield per acre harvested for grain averaged 60.0 bushels, slightly below last year. Area harvested for grain in 1999 is 2.47 million acres, 11 percent below 1998 and smallest harvested acreage for grain on record. Barley production in 1999 was estimated at 284 million bushels, 19 percent below last

year's estimate and the lowest production since 1953. Average yield per acre, at 59.5 bushels, was down 0.5 bushel from 1998. The area harvested for grain was estimated at 4.78 million acres, 19 percent less than last year and the lowest acreage since 1900. Winter wheat production for 1999 totaled 1.70 billion bushels, 10 percent below the 1998 level. Area for grain was estimated at 35.5 million acres. The U.S. winter wheat yield is 47.8 bushels per acre, a new record high average, nearly a bushel better than last year's former record. Rye production, at 11.0 million bushels, is 10 percent below 1998, largely due to an 8 percent drop in acres cut for grain. Area harvested was 383 thousand acres and yield per acre averaged 28.7 bushels.

Corn for grain production as of October 1, 1999, is forecast at 9.47 billion bushels, 3 percent below 1998. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 133.5 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels per acre from last month but down 0.9 bushel from last year. If realized, this would be the fourth largest production and the third highest yield on record. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 70.9 million acres, down 30,000 acres from last month due to flooding in North Carolina, and down 2 percent from 1998. All hay production is estimated at 161.4 million tons, up 7 percent from the quantity produced in 1998. Area harvested is expected to total 62.1 million acres and average yield is estimated at 2.60 tons per acre. Soybean production is forecast at 2.70 billion bushels, 3 percent below last month and 2 percent below last year's record of 2.74 billion bushels. Yield is forecast at 37.0 bushels per acre from an expected harvested acreage of 72.8 million. All tobacco production is forecast at 1.27 billion pounds, 14 percent below 1998 production. Yield is expected to average 1,949 pounds per acre and acreage harvested is set at 651,090. Apple production is forecast at 10.6 billion pounds, down 7 percent from 1998. Grape production is forecast at 6.55 million tons, up 11 percent from last year's production of 5.9 million tons.